

would receive for that week by properly applying.

How Long Do Payments Last?

A uniform disaster period will be established for all applicants with respect to each disaster. It will begin the first week after a major disaster occurs and will end 26 weeks after the President declares that an area was affected by a major disaster.

Employment Service

All persons in the State of Michigan are entitled to assistance from the Michigan Works! Agency in obtaining work. This applies to individuals unemployed due to a declared disaster as well as those unemployed for any other reason. DUA claimants must register for work with the Michigan Works! Agency and actively seek work to be eligible for benefits.

For More Details . . .

For more detailed information about the DUA Program, please call us toll-free at:

1-866-241-0152

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Disaster Unemployment Assistance

**If disaster strikes...
You should know about
Disaster Unemployment
Assistance**



Purpose of the Program

The major objective of the Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Program is to provide assistance to individuals whose employment has been lost or interrupted as a result of a major disaster.

Definition of a Major Disaster

A "major disaster" is defined as any hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake, drought, icy conditions, fire or other catastrophe declared by the President to warrant government assistance to communities and individuals. Based on a request from a state Governor, the President issues a disaster declaration and defines the disaster area.

Who Administers the Program?

The U.S. Secretary of Labor is authorized to administer DUA, using the federal-state unemployment (UI) system to take applications, process them, and disburse payments. Funds are provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These funds are federally appropriated and are not derived from employer payroll taxes used to finance the regular UI program.

Which Federal Law Governs DUA?

The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (referred to as the Stafford Act) was enacted on November 11, 1988 and governs the payment of DUA.

What Does It Offer?

The Stafford Act provides for emergency measures such as loans to aid the reconstruction and rehabilitation of devastated areas; loans to affected homeowners, farmers, and business concerns; and food stamps and temporary shelter to those suffering loss and privation. (These measures are not administered by the same agency as DUA.) It also provides DUA in the form of temporary income for eligible individuals whose jobs or earnings are affected. Reemployment services are available to individuals who are jobless as a result of a major disaster. DUA is administered in Michigan by the Unemployment Insurance Agency.

Who is Eligible for DUA?

In order to be eligible for DUA, an individual must have no entitlement to regular unemployment benefits and meet one of the criteria shown below. Payment of DUA will be made to an unemployed person if, **as a direct result of a major disaster**, the individual:

- 1) no longer has a job;
- 2) is unable to reach the place of work;
- 3) was to start work which is no longer available or is unable to reach the new job;
- 4) has become the breadwinner or major support for the household, because the head of the household died as a result of the disaster; or
- 5) cannot work because of a disaster-incurred injury.

When and Where to File

Applications for DUA must be filed within 30 days of the date the UIA announces the availability of DUA in Michigan. Persons who believe they are entitled to DUA should immediately contact the TRA/Special Programs Unit at 1-866-241-0152 (TTY customers use 1-866-366-0004) for an application package. A DUA application package is available on our website at www.michigan.gov/uia. DUA applicants should have proof of their Social Security number and, if possible, any papers that show earnings and employment prior to the disaster and earnings for the last completed tax year. Unemployed workers applying for DUA should submit your application package to:

TRA/Special Programs Unit
P.O. Box 02992
Detroit, Michigan 48202

How Much Are Payments?

The DUA weekly amount is computed in accordance with the unemployment formula used to compute weekly benefit amounts under the Michigan Employment Security (MES) Act. The weekly amount payable to an individual is reduced by wages earned (or by pension received for that week in accordance with Michigan law).

Reduction will also be made by the amount of private income protection (or replacement) insurance, or any other type of benefit for loss of wages due to illness or disability that an individual receives or